

ELWELL.

A "Belling Bee"—Almost a "Social" Black Eye—Personal Notes.

Rev. Mr. Swift gave an Easter address last Sunday to quite a large audience. Bart Chestnut is making maple syrup this spring. Mr. Brown and Miss Falks were joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock at Mr. Orr's last Sunday. Last Wednesday, 21st inst., Mr. Rockwell and Jennie Grant were married at the residence of Mr. Grant. On the evening following the boys and girls gave them a "belling" with pans, horns, sleighbells, etc. Long may they live to enjoy life. The box social last Saturday evening was quite a success, owing to the weather and the mud. Some of our young men would do well when they go to a social gathering to leave their cards at home and keep quiet in a gentleman-like manner. The Elwell scribe or "bug-bear" is not dead yet, as was threatened last week by some dude. More good luck than that. Wilson Shaver left Elwell last Monday for Lake George to work for "Ren" Sutton in a saw mill. The John Belding man came near getting a black eye last Saturday evening at the social. Take care, Johnnie, "down comes your meat house." Will VanSickles is erecting a new barn. The grave-yard man is still alive. Yet long may he live. It is now fashionable for the girls to "bell" a bridal pair, instead of the boys. Dr. Ealing will leave for New York this week, where he will visit friends and return again in about a month. Our sick man, Belding, has recovered after a serious illness of several weeks. Box.

SICKLES.

Sympathy Extended to the Young Man—Personalities.

Birdy Muffy, who has been sick for a few days, is again around. John Muffy has gone to Maple Rapids, where he expects to work this summer. We would like to know who is to teach our school the coming term. Some say Miss Blanchard and some say no. B. D. Sherman started for Kansas City Wednesday last. C. Cratsenburg has started for his heading mill. The young man who lives south of this place and works in Breckenridge has the sympathy of the whole community for the way he is used when he comes home to see his folks. He says he has to bring a hired girl with him every time he comes, to get his meals for him. Too bad! isn't it? Jaxon Russell and Wilson Brodebeck started for Maple Rapids on Tuesday last, where they expect to work this summer. School closes this week. SANDY.

BRECKENRIDGE.

A Grist of Personal Items from a Regular Correspondent.

Rev. Mr. King was at Standish on business two or three days of the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are visiting at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge. Mrs. Chase was formerly known in our town as Miss Edith Scott. They were married last Monday, and we extend hearty congratulations to the happy couple. Sneak thieves broke into the grist mill two nights in succession during the past week. The M. E. aid society met at the home of Mrs. L. Waggoner Wednesday last. About sixty were present. Mrs. Ed. Hill was at Detroit the past week, attending the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union association as a delegate from the C. E. society of this place. The Easter exercises at the Congregational church Sunday night were well attended. Mrs. Conklin and Miss Lillie Weed start today for Saginaw to attend the Epworth League convention, which is to be held at that place. Mrs. Hoseney, of St. Louis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Scott. Miss Carothers went to Ithaca Friday night to spend her vacation. The scholars in her room are to have a two weeks vacation. Miss Nettie Comestock of Ithaca spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. Watson. Mrs. Moppala was buried from the M. E. church Sunday. A large concourse of friends and neighbors followed the remains to their last resting place. Old Mr. Wood has moved in with his son, Jerry Wood. GREENY & CO.

WASHINGTON.

The Republican Ticket—School Improvement—Personal.

The republicans held their caucus on the 24th, and nominated a ticket as follows: Supervisor, M. W. Coon; clerk, Horace Longley; treasurer, Fred E. Smith; justice, Willard Lockwood; commissioner of highways, Wm. H. Brown; drain commissioner, George Stoneman; school inspector, Theo. F. Amspoker; board of review, E. Bovee and John Bowen. At the special school meeting in fractional district No. 5, it was voted to reseat the school house and the board have ordered the seats, this is a much needed improvement. Peter Murdoch is improving his front by cleaning up. Albert Fowler has moved to St. Johns. F. J. Barnaby, we are informed, will move on the J. B. Crook farm. Robt Davidson intends to soon move to Midland county.

ASHLEY.

For Wife Pounding—Death of an Old Resident.

News scarce. What was the matter with Ashley's budget of Journals, did not arrive until Monday night. A girl baby at Mr. Bushree's and a boy baby at Ed. Maynard's, since my last writing. Frank Fuller was arrested on Wednesday morning for pounding his wife. His examination is taking place at this writing, before Justice Kirby. We understand the reason of this act, is because his wife awakened him at too early an hour for his breakfast. A later report reaches us that Fuller is fined \$5 and cost or thirty days in jail, and has 24 hours to make up his mind which dose he takes. Miss Mary Woodman, a lady well known in this place, died at the residence of her brother, Thomas Woodman, March 16th, aged 61 years and 13 days. She made her home with a sister in Saginaw county, and was here visiting friends. She was a daughter of Benj. Woodman, who died in North Star about five years ago. She was an old resident of North Star, having come there about 36 years ago.

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CLARENCE.

Dwellers of Dogtown and Their Visitors—The Rivals and Other Tales.

Hart Baker, from Ithaca, is up here again as our carpenter, and good one he is to. Jno. W. David and family visited friends at Dogtown, Sunday. David Christler took his regular installment of nuts and candies to the widow, also in Dogtown. The telegraph operator went out for some evergreens and came back without any, and as the woods are full of evergreens in any direction, it looks suspicious, especially as he was seen in the vicinity of Dogtown. We must put our detective on his track. Fred Church spent Sunday at Alma among friends, and Chas. Voight did the same at Mt. Pleasant. The saw mill did not run last week, owing to the breaking of some of the machinery. Nathan Church came up Thursday and went back Saturday. We hear that "Our Irving" has become one of two rivals for the hand of the girl who was working at Whitesell's camp when the wires were strung to trip him up. She is now at home at Tempe, and the two rivals met as they were going to see their sweet heart, but like sensible young men they discussed the pro and con—did Irving and John, and at last decided that the one with the gold watch should have full possession this time, which placed Gobel in luck, while the defeated man went to the "Beehive" to drown his trouble and to contrive a way by which a gold watch his pocket should fill, and how to get the inside track of his adversary. J. B. Wood is back with us a gain, also Louis Boyer and wife, who will attend to Camp Leroy, some three miles out of town on the narrow gauge. 3 x x s.

We are still on deck and intend to be, because we can keep still. Since we wrote you last week the Clarence Lumber Co. have nicely papered their office here and the saw mill is running and cutting out the nicest lumber in this part of the state. The shingle mill still runs also the logging railway to its full capacity, camp No. 2 has been cleaned up and fixed up and Lewis Boyer and wife are over there ready to care for its company of men. The company has also bought a lot more timber which is to be lumbered off right away, and they are buying all the shingle bolts they can get by team or railway. D. D. Whitesell's camp has moved to Lake George, we heard there was to be a store and station opened up there with an operator. We hope so, for then John Gobel can telegraph to his girl at Tempe when he can't go to see her. By the way, our "operator" was at home last Sunday all day, claiming it was too bad a day to be out, but Harry Holden and Fred McLean went over in Greenwood and got some warm sugar. "David" went to Dogtown to see the widow, so we guess the operator must be growing more wise, and he will need all the wisdom he has in reserve, if he expects to associate with such men as Harb Baker and Fred Church. Clarence Church is spending a few days with us. The Co's store has a much larger stock on hand and reports trade increasing. 3 x x s.

SOUTH WEST ARCADE.

The Lion and the Lamb—Accident—Death—Building.

I guess the old proverb "A month that comes in like a lamb will go out like a lion," struck March all right. Born, to Mr. and Elder Walker, the 21st, a four pound girl; mother and daughter doing well. Samuel Helms, while building fence for Dr. Barber, had the misfortune to cut his foot, so he is unable to work. The "Needmore" store needs more cash to run it with, before it will be open to customers. Gordon Rosay, a well-to-do farmer who resided about two miles west of the Davis school house, died at his home last Saturday afternoon, after a sickness of one week. Erysipelas and blood-poison was the cause of his death. He was taken to Elsie for burial. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. Their many friends sympathize with them. Wm. Hutchinson is building a thirty-six by forty-six foot barn which will make a great improvement to his farm. Miron and Dexter Kirby also have the timbers out for a new barn on their place. Mrs. Justice Daymon's sister, who has been visiting her for some weeks, returned to her home in Saginaw last Saturday.

S. E. CRYSTAL.

Uncle Parker Gone—Birth—Death and M-rriage—Those Thieves—Again—Other Comment.

Garden making is now in order and spring plowing. Mrs. Charley Ingersoll has been near death's door, but is some better at this writing. Old Uncle Parker died at his son-in-law's, Nat Hoover's, last week. He was an old man, being 93 years old. Jay Evans is out on crutches; his foot is better. Born to Asabel Sparks an 8 pound boy, father and son doing well. Amos Shaffer has material on the ground for a new house. Levi Gallop, an eminent music teacher who has taught throughout this county for eight years, and Rhoda Williams were married March the 1st. May every joy attend their pathway, is the wish of their many friends. Maggie Shinnelberger is very sick, also her mother, Mate Shinnelberger. Old Lady Kooztz is still very low, Uncle Kooztz bought seven pounds of pork of Jack Rieder, took it home, and some of the many sneak thieves stole it that night. They went to the next house, Mr. McFarlan's and took four hens. Some one stole Elder Teeds' wheat, about 50 bushels we hear. Mrs. Jolly and three children have gone to Fowler on a visit. Horace Bennett is very low with Bright's disease. Grandpa and Grandma Westover will move into this county soon. John B. Taylor is still suffering with the grip and his wife is very sick. Dr. Richardson is attending them both. The roads are bad. This has been a poor year for sugar making. Frank Wiley has sold his farm for \$3,200, and are going back to Washington to live. ALLEN ROLAT.

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NEWARK.

Brief Notes of Personal Matters.

E. W. Lyon moved to Osceola Missouri, where he will engage in the picture business. Mrs. L. Mouser went to Elwell last week where she is engaged in a millinery store. James Parker is on the grip list. Quite a number of our Newark farmers commenced plowing last week. Harvey Thompson is moving on the Hull farm. The sugar season this year has been very short. Come to stay at Eddp Lyons, a girl. William Lepley is very sick with inflammation on the lungs. John Thompson moved in the house vacated by E. Lyons. A little dishwasher came to stay at Sam McColloms. Wild geese are seen flying north rather early we think.

ELM HALL.

School Closed—Personal Mentions.

The public school closed Friday, for their Easter vacation, of two weeks. E. G. VanDeventer, principal of the schools, has gone to his home in Ithaca, to spend his vacation. Sam Evans, of Grand Rapids, spent Monday night in town. Miss Grace Fredrick, a teacher in our school, left Monday for her home in McBrides. Our township election takes place in Belltown, Monday. Let every man, true to his party, be present and help to elect the best man. He of course can be found in the g. o. p. Dennis Haus declares that he has had enough of the democrats and will vote a straight republican ticket. C. Warner returned Monday from Ann Arbor, where he went to visit his parents. Monroe Copp has gone into the old rut and pledged himself to the P. of I's. May he find sweet rest with that forsaken gang. Dr. Shaffer has put in a fine line of millinery goods. DRUMMER.

NEW HAVEN.

School Entertainment—Funeral—Violent—Insane.

Winter again. It goes rather hard after having spring weather so long. The entertainment at the Vermuth school house came off Monday night, and was pronounced a decided success. The declamations and dialogues were all rendered in fine style. The teacher, G. Crouse, and his assistants seem to understand theatricals. They have been there before. We did not learn how much the door fee amounted to. School closed in that district last Friday. Fred Vermuth lost a horse the 23d inst. "Jim" Teed returned home the 20th from a visiting tour in Pennsylvania. Ed. Hamilton is sick. He is attended by Dr. Monfort of Ithaca. Ben Parker was called to attend the funeral of his father, "Uncle" John Parker of Newark, at the Wood school house Monday. Mrs. Frank Altenburg is again violently insane. She has been at the home of her father, Donald McLaren, for a few weeks. There was talk of sending her to an asylum for treatment. There is a great deal of sympathy felt for Mrs. Altenburg, as she leaves three small children. Mrs. Frank Seely has been visiting at F. J. Miller's and with other friends a couple of weeks. Bess.

OWOSSO.

Going Crazy—That's What's the Matter with the Herald Editor—So He Admits to Our Correspondent.

The following communication to the GRATIOT COUNTY JOURNAL was thought to be of sufficient interest to require publicity in all three papers. Special to the Gratiot County Journal.

Mr. Editor: I wish to have you look after my friend Mac a little, for he is undoubtedly struggling under a mental aberration. I saw him down here a few days ago, and, being an old friend, I ventured to ask him which way he was going. "O, I'm going crazy," says he. Fearing the might be more truth than poetry in his confession, I determined to look after his case and went over to that school entertainment myself. I arrived on the ground ahead of him, as Mac took the long way around; but when he did arrive, I discovered the cause of his mania. I found an opportunity to say to him privately, a little later, "Mac, if you call that going crazy, take me along next time." But seriously fearing for his condition, I hope you will, as a brother editor, take interest enough in his case to see that no harm comes to him of his madness. OLD FRIEND.

SHIFTING SANDS.

Changes in Real Estate in Gratiot County For Week Ending March 17, 1894.

Hannah McMaisters to Erskine Clark sw of sw sec 31, Arcadia.....	450 00
Nelson J. McCullough to Eugene Boyert ne of ne sec 17, Sumner....	500 00
DeWitt W. Wright to Jonas Daily lot 33, Ashley.....	450 00
Alfred J. Brooke to Hiram Wilson pt of lots 4 & 5 block 3 Ithaca....	300 00
Hiram Wilson to Joseph H. VanArsdalen pt of lots 4 & 5 block 3 Ithaca.	500 00
Abraham L. Ward to David B. Hutten pt of sw of sw sec 15, North Star....	100 00
Alfred Cole to George Bissell n½ of nw of sw sec 1, Bethany.....	550 00
Emma J. Seaman et al to Adelmia Adelmia Ann Shaw se of sw sec 21 Elba.....	2000 00
Bird D. Sherman to Alexander McRoberts w½ of se sec 3, Hamilton....	2800 00
R. D. Perrine to George W. Kinney et al lots 1 & 4 block 6 Knappa addition, St. Louis.....	900 00
George W. Kinney et al to R. D. Perrine pt of ne of se sec 2, Pine River.....	300 00
George W. Kinney et al to Cassius D. Perrine se of se sec 2, Pine River....	1200 00
Mary Miller to Winfield S. Kline and wife jointly n½ of n½ of sw sec 26 Bethany.....	1500 00
Jacob Parlee to Valora Parlee ne of ne sec 13, Bethany.....	1000 00

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A very wise man once said that when he began to feel too important he got a map of the universe and tried to find himself on it.

Teachers' Examination.

Public examinations of teachers will be held as follows:
Perrington, Friday and Saturday, March 29th and 30th, '94.
Ithaca, Thursday and Friday, March 29th and 30th, '94.
Alma, Friday and Saturday, April 27th and 28th, '94.

Third grades granted at all examinations, but first and second grades only at the Ithaca examinations. Examinations for first and second grades will be given at nine o'clock p. m., the first day. We would suggest that teachers residing in the central and western part of the county wait and attend the Ithaca or Alma examination.

W. M. Coon,
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